

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : ROBIN COCKER ET AL.
TITLE : SAFETY DEVICE WITH TRIGGER MECHANISM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A safety device, usable in particular with hypodermic needles, and incorporating a trigger mechanism which when activated primes the device to initiate the unsheathing of the needle in use by flexing one or more needle-surrounding legs away from the needle axis; the initial priming and leg-flexing movement being caused by the interaction of an operative portion of the trigger with the or each said